

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of July 21, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claims 1 and 4 are amended to omit the recitation "uncovered" from "the uncovered nozzle substrate" and to clarify that the shield is arranged alongside the nozzle substrate so that the nozzle substrate is uncovered with respect to print media on which printing is performed by the inkjet nozzles. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 13-18 and page 25, lines 9-15 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections


It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of claims 1 and 4 to omit the recitation "uncovered" from "the uncovered nozzle substrate", provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claims 1 and 4, and dependent claims 2 and 3, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Silverbrook '513, '555 and '109, because whilst Figs. 1 and 2 of Silverbrook '513 may illustrate a shield placed alongside a nozzle substrate as contended by the Examiner, Silverbrook '513 clearly discloses that Fig. 2 shows "the inkjet printhead assembly shown in Fig. 1, with a cover component (shield plate) removed" (see col. 4, lines 33-38), such that one of ordinary skill in the art clearly understands that the shield plate covers the "nozzle substrate" of Silverbrook '513. Thus, in any combination of Silverbrook '513, '555 and '109 the nozzle substrate would be covered with respect to print media to be printed, which is contrary to the arrangement of the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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